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FDI Proposals
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has recently approved a large number of proposals on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI);
- (b) If so, the details thereof, project-wise along with the employment opportunities likely to be generated therefrom; and
- (c) The steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to maximise benefits of FDI?

Answer

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

The details of total number of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals approved by the Government, amount involved and top five sectors during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (upto January 2016) are as follows:

Year No. Of Proposals Amount (in crore) Top Sectors

1 2 3 4 5

2014-15 250 44005.85

Services sector* Telecomm-unication Automobile industry Trading Computer software & hardware

2015 upto Jan, 2016) 285 48902.76

Computer software & hardware Service sector* Trading Automobile Industry Chemicals (other than fertilizers)

* Service sector includes Financial, Banking, Insurance, Non-Financial /Business, Outsourcing, R&D, Courier, Tech, Testing and Analysis.

FDI supplements the domestic capital and helps in brining technology in various sectors, thereby stimulating economic growth and leading to increased production, exports and employment generation.

The Government has liberalised the FDI policy to maximise benefits from FDI. The FDI investment in most of the sectors is on automatic route and does not require Government approval. The policy framework has been rationalised in diverse sectors like Pharmaceuticals, Insurance, Defence, Construction Development, Railways, etc.

Further, the Budget 2016-17 has announced 100% FDI in marketing of food products produced and manufacturing in India. This will benefit farmers, giving impetus of Food Processing industry and create vast employment opportunities.